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JULY
1428 . . .
FORTUNATELY, MONT SAINT-MICHEL HAS RESISTED!
ST. MICHAEL WILL GIVE COURAGE TO THE DEFENDERS!
AND CONFIDENCE TO ITS GUARDIANS!
THE KINGDOM OF FRANCE IS IN BAD SHAPE . . .
BECAUSE OF THIS WAR, DRAGGING ON FOR 100 YEARS!

BUT THE MONT WILL HOLD OUT! AND WE'LL GO ON PILGRIMAGE THERE WHEN THE WAR IS OVER.
IT'S A GOOD HOPE, JOAN. BUT THE ENGLISH HAVE BEEN INVADING NORMANDY FOR 5 YEARS NOW.
AND THEIR ALLIES, THE BURGUNDIAN TRAITORS, HAVE COME TO PILLAGE OUR LAND AS FAR AS LORRAINE.
ALL OVER FRANCE, PEOPLE LIKE US ARE SEEKING REFUGE!
AT LAST! NEUFCHATEAU!
HAVE COURAGE, MOTHER. WE'LL RETURN TO DOMREMY!!!
ALAS, OUR FIELDS ARE RUINED, OUR ANIMALS KILLED!
BUT GOD HASN'T ABANDONED FR...
THE BURGUNDIANS! QUICK! CLOSE THE GATES!
JOAN! JACQUES!
MOTHER!!

ISABELLE!
WAIT! HOLD THE DRAWBRIDGE!
WOW! JUST IN TIME!
TOO LATE!
LONG LIVE THE KING OF BOURGES!
LONG LIVE THE DUKE OF BURGUNDY!!
LONG LIFE TO HENRY VI, KING OF ENGLAND AND FRANCE!
LONG LIVE VERGY!
LONG LIVE BEDFORD!!!*
THIEVES!
TRAITORS!
LONG LIVE KING CHARLES VII!
WHAT MISERY! WILL THIS WAR NEVER BE OVER?
MY GRANDMOTHER WAS BORN DURING THIS WAR, AND MY MOTHER . . . HOW LONG CAN IT LAST?

* THE REGENT (ACTING HEAD OF STATE) FOR THE YOUNG KING OF ENGLAND, HENRY VI, THEN 7 YEARS OLD.

FOUR MONTHS LATER, AT BEAUVAIS . . .
DEAR BISHOP CAUCHON! HOW'VE YOU BEEN SINCE WE SAW YOU IN LONDON? IT'S BEEN 6 YEARS! WE'VE FINALLY GOTTEN YOU THE BISHOP'S PALACE YOU'VE WANTED!

* "DAUPHIN" IS THE TITLE GIVEN TO THE HEIR TO THE FRENCH THRONE.

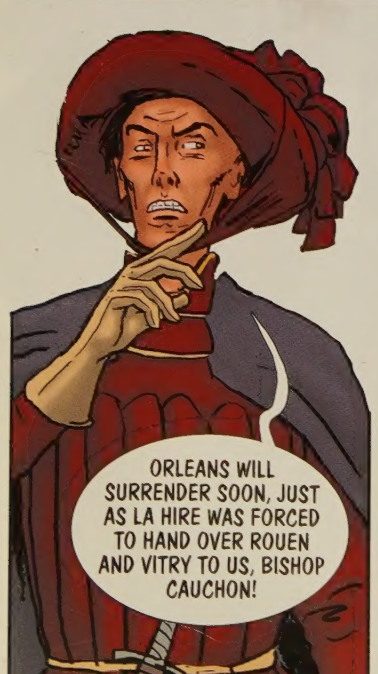
YOU'VE USED YOUR AUTHORITY AS BISHOP TO IMPOSE TAXES ON NORMANDY AND ON CHAMPAGNE. YOU'RE AN IMPORTANT ALLY FOR THE CROWN OF ENGLAND!
AND OF FRANCE! BECAUSE OUR MAD FRENCH KING CHARLES VI WAS FORCED TO DISINHERIT HIS SON, THE DAUPHIN, IN FAVOR OF KING HENRY V OF ENGLAND, THE NEXT ENGLISH KING WILL ALSO RULE FRANCE.
YES! AND IT'S THANKS TO YOU THAT THE TREATY OF TROYES, ASSURING THIS, WAS SIGNED ON MAY 21, 1420! YOU AND YOUR NEPHEW JEAN DE RYNEL MANAGED IT VERY CLEVERLY.
NOT ONLY DID CHARLES VI GIVE HIS DAUGHTER IN MARRIAGE TO HENRY V, BUT HE PROMISED TO HAND OVER FRANCE TO ENGLAND AFTER HIS DEATH! THIS IS WHAT ENGLAND HAS DREAMED OF FOR 100 YEARS!
IT ALL WOULD HAVE GONE AS PLANNED, BUT HENRY V DIED YOUNG—AT ONLY 36!
AND CHARLES VI DIED ONLY 2 MONTHS LATER. MORE BAD LUCK!
SO, THERE WAS NO CORONATION FOR THE ENGLISH KING—OR FOR HIS SON, WHO WAS ONLY 10 MONTHS OLD!
PATIENCE, LORD TALBOT. IT'S BEEN 7 YEARS. NOTHING CAN PREVENT THE NEXT CORONATION.
KING HENRY'S YOUNG SON IS WAITING. HIS UNCLE, THE DUKE OF BEDFORD, PROMISES THAT HIS CORONATION AS A "DUAL" KING WILL TAKE PLACE.

BUT THAT'S PRECISELY THE TROUBLE!!!

WE CAN'T LET THE DAUPHIN CHARLES BE RESTORED AS FRANCE'S RULER!

HE'S BEEN RENOUNCED BY HIS OWN PARENTS. HIS FOLLOWERS ARE DECREASING, AND HE'S LOSING HIS LANDS!
BUT TWO STRONG-HOLDS ARE STILL LOYAL TO HIM.

SINCE OCTOBER WE'VE BEEN BESIEGING THE FIRST ONE, ORLEANS. CAPTURING IT WOULD GIVE US ACCESS TO OUR TERRITORIES: NORMANDY AND AQUITAINE.


ORLEANS WILL SURRENDER SOON, JUST AS LA HIRE WAS FORCED TO HAND OVER ROUEN AND VITRY TO US, BISHOP CAUCHON!

AND THE OTHER ONE . . .
MONT SAINT-MICHEL?? . . . HMM!

THE FORTRESS IS ENCIRCLED AND STARVED. IT CAN NO LONGER HELP THE DAUPHIN. HE IS AT OUR MERCY.

WE'RE SPREADING THE RUMOR THAT HE REALLY ISN'T THE KING'S SON... HIS MOTHER WAS SUPPOSEDLY ISABELLE OF BAVERIA, BUT THAT WAS OFFICIALLY RENOUNCED AT TROYES.
STILL, THE DAUPHIN CLAIMED THE TITLE OF KING OF FRANCE AT MEHUN-SUR-YÈVRE.
HA HA HA! MEHUN-SUR-YÈVRE! WHO CARES? AS LONG AS THERE'S NO CORONATION, HE'S KING OF NOTHING!
THE PEOPLE OF THE MONT DON'T NEGOTIATE! THEY'RE FOOLS WHO PREFER TO DIE OF HUNGER. THEY THINK GOD WILL PROTECT THEM!
YOU'VE NEGOTIATED THE SURRENDER OF SEVERAL FORTRESSES. WE'D LIKE TO FINISH THIS ONE OFF...
GOD IS ON OUR SIDE—JUST AS HE MADE IT KNOWN WHEN HENRY V LANDED ON THE COAST OF NORMANDY IN 1415 WITH HIS 1,400 SHIPS...
GOD SENT ME TO CONQUER FRANCE AND DRIVE AWAY ITS EVILS!
THE NEXT MONTH, HE CRUSHED THE FRENCH AT AGINCOURT. A GOOD SIGN!

3 MONTHS LATER, FEBRUARY, 1429 . . .
COUSIN DURAND, WE'RE FINALLY HERE AT VAUCOULEURS!
I'VE PROMISED MY PARENTS I'LL WORK WITH THE WOMEN HERE.
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP. WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL!
BUT NOW I MUST SPEAK TO THE LORD OF THIS BRAVE CITY, STILL RESISTING THE BURGUNDIANS.
I'VE COME TO YOU, ROBERT DE BAUDRICOURT, ON BEHALF OF MY LORD, TO SEND WORD TO THE DAUPHIN THAT HE HAS HELD OUT WELL . . .
. . . AND THAT HE WON'T HAVE TO WAIT MUCH LONGER, BECAUSE THE LORD WILL GIVE HIM HELP BEFORE LENT IS HALF OVER.
AND WHO IS YOUR LORD?
THE KING OF HEAVEN!

AT HENRY LE ROYER'S HOUSE IN VAUCOULEURS.
BAUDRICOURT'S TOLD ME MANY TIMES TO BRING JOAN BACK TO HER FATHER'S HOUSE TO GET HER UNDER CONTROL.
HAVEN'T YOU SAVED THE DAUPHIN YET? MUST WE ALL BECOME ENGLISH?
I'LL MAKE MY WAY TO THE DAUPHIN, EVEN IF I WEAR OUT MY LEGS TO THE KNEES!
I'VE BEEN CALLED TO FIGHT FOR HIM, THOUGH I'D RATHER STAY HOME AND SPIN WOOL WITH MY POOR MOTHER. THIS ISN'T THE WORK I WAS RAISED TO DO, BUT I MUST DO IT!
...FOR IT IS WHAT MY LORD WISHES!
WE'LL HELP YOU, JOAN. YOU CAN STAY HERE WITH US.*
ARE YOU WEARING THOSE CLOTHES?
I'D PREFER MEN'S CLOTHES.
I'LL SEE THAT YOU GET THEM. AND I'LL BRING YOU TO THE DAUPHIN. I PROMISE!!!
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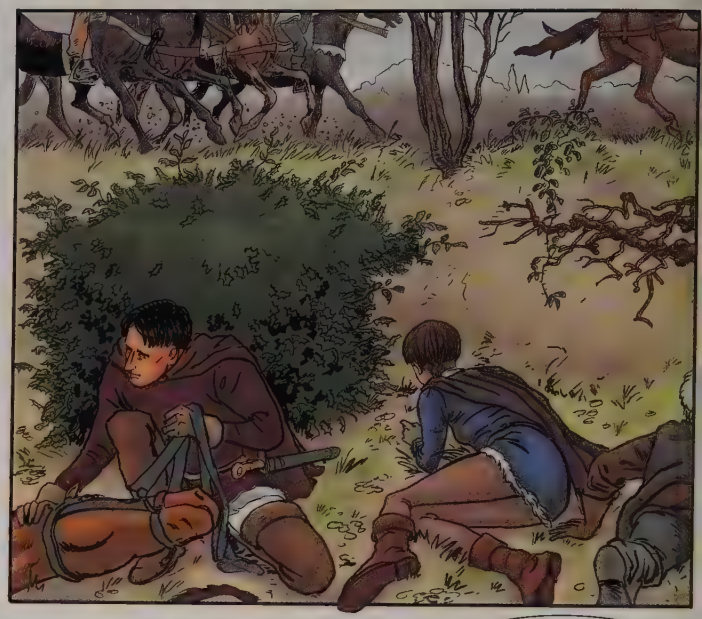
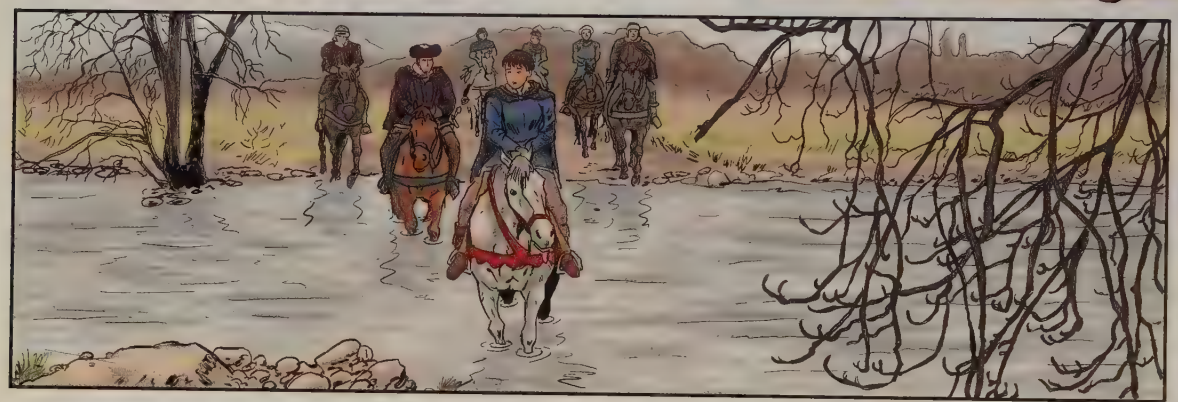
*JOAN STAYED FOR 3 WEEKS.

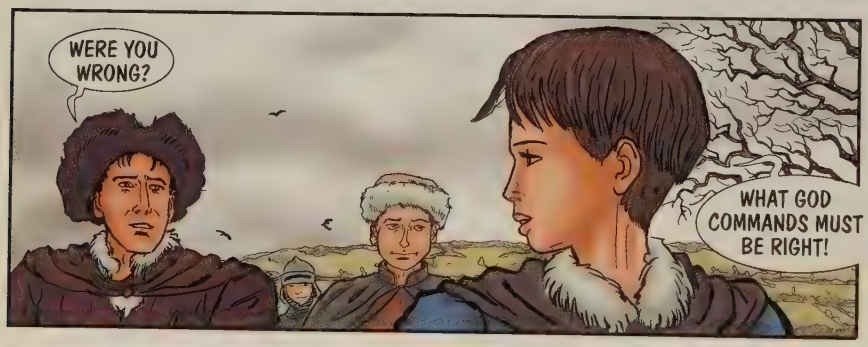
BAUDRICOURT DOESN'T BELIEVE IN ME!
BUT HE'S TOLD EVERYONE ABOUT YOU, AND THE DUKE OF LORRAINE HAS ASKED FOR YOU.
HE THINKS I CAN HEAL HIM, BUT I CAN'T.
NO, BECAUSE IT BELONGS TO GOD, WHO WISHES THAT THE DAUPHIN BE MADE KING AND PUT IN COMMAND OF THE KINGDOM.
DOES THE KINGDOM BELONG TO THE DAUPHIN?
BUT...THE DAUPHIN'S ENEMIES?
DESPITE THEM, HE WILL BE KING. AND I WILL GO MYSELF TO CROWN HIM!
AND ME? CAN'T YOU HEAL ME?
YOU'VE BEHAVED BADLY! GO BACK TO YOUR GOOD WIFE AND GIVE ME YOUR SON TO LEAD ME TO THE DAUPHIN. I WILL PRAY FOR YOUR HEALING.
IT'S REALLY FRANCE THAT NEEDS TO BE HEALED . . .

FINALLY, ON FEB. 13, 1429, AT THE GATE OF VAUCOULEURS, THE GATE OF FRANCE...
JOHN, BERTRAND, ALL OF YOU–SWEAR THAT YOU WILL CONDUCT YOURSELVES HONORABLY!
WE SWEAR!
GO, JOAN, AND LET COME WHAT MAY!
TO GET THEM TO LIFT THE SIEGE, I HAD TO AGREE TO LAY DOWN ARMS AGAINST THE BURGUNDIANS.
TO GIVE A HORSE, A SWORD, AND TWO SOLDIERS TO A PEASANT GIRL ISN'T MUCH IN THE WAY OF ARMS, BUT ONE NEVER KNOWS...
THIS MIGHT JUST WORK OUT...
WE'LL HAVE TO CROSS ENEMY TERRITORY.
WE'LL TRAVEL BY NIGHT!





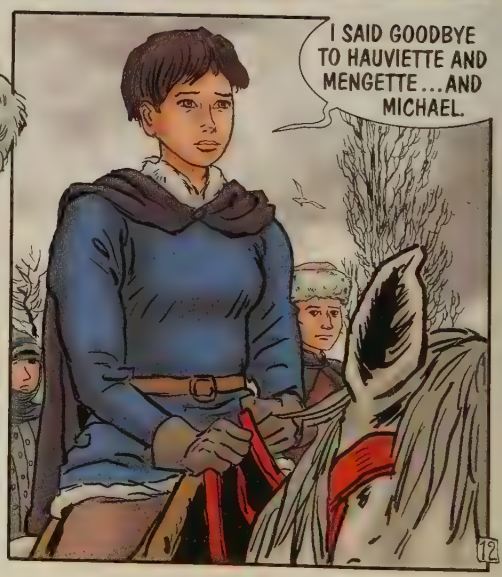
I'VE ALWAYS OBEYED MY PARENTS, EXCEPT IN LEAVING HOME.


WERE YOU WRONG?
WHAT GOD COMMANDS MUST BE RIGHT!

IF I HAD A HUNDRED MOTHERS AND FATHERS, IF I WAS THE KING'S DAUGHTER, I'D STILL DO THIS!

BUT I'VE WRITTEN THEM TO ASK PARDON.

HAVE YOU TOLD YOUR FRIENDS AT DOMRÉMY?


I SAID GOODBYE TO HAUVIETTE AND MENGETTE...AND MICHAEL.

BERTRAND, DID YOU KNOW SHE'S HEARD VOICES?
VOICES? SINCE WHEN?
I WAS 13 THE FIRST TIME. I WAS SO AFRAID ...
"THE VOICE CAME AROUND NOON, IN OUR GARDEN. I'D FASTED SINCE THE NIGHT BEFORE ..."
?
"I HEARD THE VOICE COMING FROM THE RIGHT, NEAR THE CHURCH. IT WAS SO CLEAR!"
IT SAID TO BEHAVE MYSELF AND GO TO CHURCH OFTEN.
"AFTER THE THIRD TIME, I KNEW IT WAS AN ANGEL'S VOICE ..."
WAS THERE A NAME?
HE TOLD ME: ST. MICHAEL!

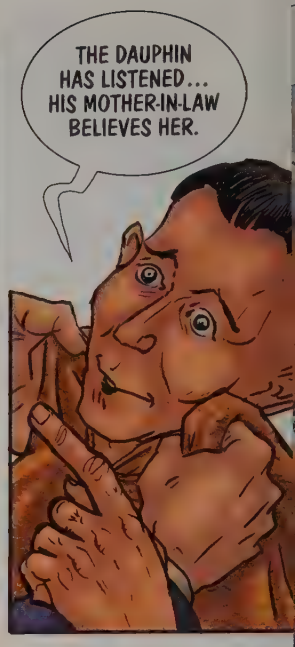
AND MONT SAINT-MICHEL STILL STANDS AGAINST THE ENGLISH!
ST. MICHAEL TOLD ME THAT BAUDRICOURT WOULD GIVE ME SOME MEN TO TAKE WITH ME. AND I TOLD HIM I'M ONLY A POOR GIRL, WHO DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO FIGHT A WAR!
BUT HERE YOU ARE, ALL MY COMPANIONS! AND SOON WE'LL BE AT CHINON, THE HOME OF THE DAUPHIN.
GIEN BRIDGE...
NO NEED TO HIDE; GIEN IS ON OUR SIDE!
AFTER 11 DAYS OF TRAVEL . . .
SAINTE-CATHERINE'S CHURCH! WE MUST STOP!
SHE'S MADE A VOW OF VIRGINITY...
FOR THE PAST 11 NIGHTS, WE SLEPT NEAR HER . . .
. . . ALTHOUGH SHE'S VERY BEAUTIFUL, SHE'S NOT LIKE OTHER YOUNG GIRLS...
HER WORDS INSPIRE ME WITH A LOVE THAT'S SENT FROM GOD!

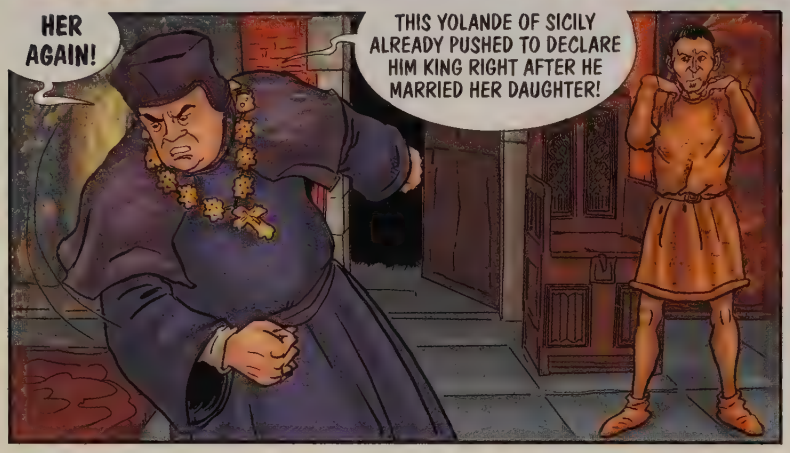
CHINON...
AN ODD AFFAIR!
A LETTER FOR THE DAUPHIN!
THE KING'S COURT...
A YOUNG GIRL CLAIMS TO HAVE TRAVELED 360 MILES ACROSS THE TERRITORY OF BURGUNDY, FROM LORRAINE . . .
SHE SAYS SHE CAN SAVE ORLEANS, AND ASSURES ME I WILL BE CROWNED KING OF FRANCE!
MEAN-WHILE I'M DEPOSED, DISOWNED, HUNTED!
THAT'S CRAZY!!!
WHAT DOES SHE WANT?
MONEY, CERTAINLY!!!
NO, ONLY A MEETING!
IS THAT SO! THERE'S A RUMOR OF A YOUNG GIRL SENT BY GOD WHO JUST CROSSED THE GIEN BRIDGE.
PERHAPS THIS IS OUR CHANCE, SIRE. ORLEANS WILL STARVE IF THE WAR KEEPS UP!
LET'S MEET WITH HER...I HAVE AN IDEA.
I'LL EXPLAIN!!!

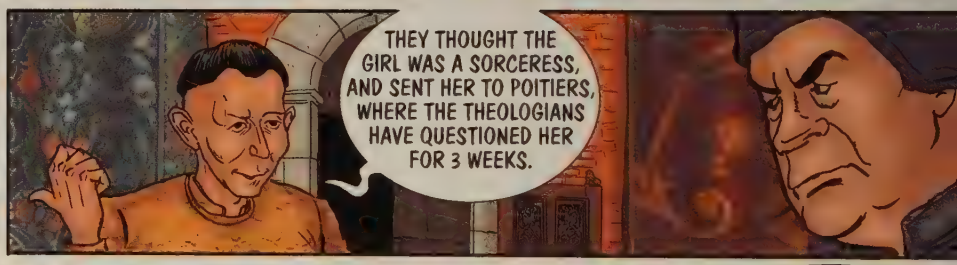
LET'S HOPE THE DAUPHIN LISTENS!
IT'S GREAT HE'LL MEET US! HAVE YOU EVER SEEN HIM?
NEVER! AND NEITHER HAS JOAN! . .
SHE'S SO YOUNG!!!
HERE I AM, THE FAMED CHARLES VII!
JOAN, WHY AREN'T YOU KNEELING?
GOD BLESS YOU, GOOD KING!
I'M NOT THE KING! HE'S THERE!

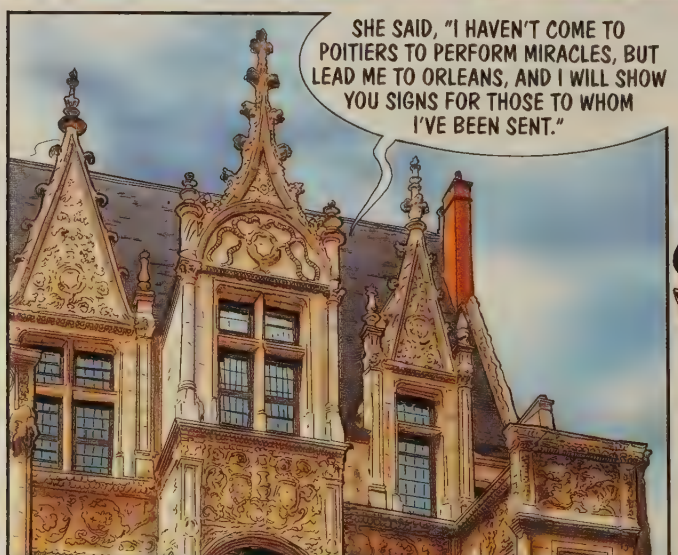
BY GOD, YOU'RE THE KING, NOT THE OTHER!
GOOD DAUPHIN, MY NAME IS JOAN, AND THE KING OF HEAVEN SUMMONS YOU THROUGH ME...
. . . YOU WILL BE ANOINTED AND CROWNED IN THE CITY OF RHEIMS. AND YOU WILL BE A LIEUTENANT OF THE KING OF HEAVEN, WHO IS KING OF FRANCE.
BUT... UH...I'M NOT CERTAIN TO BE... UMM...
I SPEAK FOR OUR LORD GOD–YOU ARE THE KING'S SON AND THE TRUE HEIR OF FRANCE!
WHAT'S SHE SAYING NOW?
LET'S GO!
DID YOU SEE THAT? SHE KNEW ME.
I HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN HER!
SHE TOLD ME SECRETS THAT ONLY GOD COULD KNOW...

THREE WEEKS LATER, AT BISHOP CAUCHON'S HOUSE...
A GIRL CALLED "THE MAIDEN" PASSED THROUGH THE TOWN OF GIEN. SHE CLAIMS SHE WILL MAKE THE DAUPHIN KING.








SHE SAID, "I HAVEN'T COME TO POITIERS TO PERFORM MIRACLES, BUT LEAD ME TO ORLEANS, AND I WILL SHOW YOU SIGNS FOR THOSE TO WHOM I'VE BEEN SENT."

* THANKS TO A TRAITOR, PERRINET LECLERC, WHO OPENED THE GATES OF PARIS TO THE BURGUNDIANS WHO WANTED TO CAPTURE THE DAUPHIN.

AT POITIERS, BEFORE THE THEOLOGIANS...
SO, ACCORDING TO THE VOICES YOU HEARD, GOD WANTS TO FREE THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE FROM THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS...
IF HE WANTS TO FREE IT, THERE'S NO NEED FOR SOLDIERS.
THE SOLDIERS WILL FIGHT IN GOD'S NAME, AND VICTORY WILL COME FROM GOD!
THIS RESPONSE PLEASED MASTER WILLIAM, THE SECRETARY...
WE CONCLUDE THERE'S NOTHING BAD IN HER, NOTHING CONTRARY TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH...
SINCE YOU, SIRE, AND THE KINGDOM ARE IN DESPAIR AND CAN'T HOPE FOR HELP FROM ANYONE ELSE, YOU WILL BE HELPED IF GOD REALLY HAS SENT HER.
WE FOUND NOTHING EVIL IN HER, ONLY GOOD-NESS, HUMILITY, VIRGINITY, DEVOTION, HONESTY, AND SIMPLICITY.
SO LET HER TRY TO SAVE ORLEANS!
IT CAN'T HURT!
IN WAR, PEOPLE MAY DIE...

". . . I, JOHN PASQUEREL, AN AUGUSTINIAN MONK OF TOURS, HAD BEEN TO PUY, WHERE I KNEW JOAN'S MOTHER AND HER BROTHER PIERRE. HE WENT ON PILGRIMAGE WITH ME AFTER JOAN LEFT HOME . . ."
LET'S HOPE WE FIND JOAN AT TOURS. ALL OF FRANCE TALKS OF HER...
EVERYONE KNOWS YOUR SISTER!
???? BUT JOAN'S ONLY 17 YEARS OLD!
THE MAIDEN OF LORRAINE?
YOU'LL FIND HER IN THE HOUSE OF JOHN DUPUY!
I DON'T KNOW THE ABCS.
BUT I KNOW HOW TO SIGN.
WRITE THIS: TO SUFFOLK, GLASDALE, AND POLE, I CALL ON YOU, IN THE NAME OF GOD, TO RETURN TO ENGLAND...
...IF YOU DON'T, WE'LL GIVE YOU A FIGHT YOU'LL NEVER FORGET.
JOAN!
PIERRE?
IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU HERE IN TOURS!
EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT YOU!

WHEN JOAN LEFT TOURS FOR ORLEANS, SHE ASKED ME TO GO WITH HER AS HER CONFESSOR. I PROMISED HER I WOULD.
"WE WERE AT BLOIS FOR 2 OR 3 DAYS, WAITING FOR SUPPLIES TO BE LOADED ONTO THE BOATS..."
FR. PASQUEREL, WE MUST HAVE A BANNER MADE TO RALLY AROUND!
"FROM MORNING TO NIGHT, JOAN GOT EVERYONE TO PRAY. SHE WENT TO CONFESSION, AND THE SOLDIERS DID THE SAME."
"WHEN JOAN LEFT BLOIS FOR ORLEANS, THE PRIESTS, WITH THE BANNER, LED THE ARMY. THEY MARCHED ALONG THE BANK OF THE SOLOGNE RIVER, SINGING 'COME HOLY SPIRIT.' "
"THEY CAMPED IN THE FIELDS THAT NIGHT, AND THE FOLLOWING DAY..."
SHE HEARS SAINTS–MICHAEL, MARGARET, AND CATHERINE–BUT SERVES GOD ABOVE ALL!
AT HOME, SHE DIDN'T MENTION VOICES; FATHER. SHE SEEMED LIKE EVERY-ONE ELSE!
JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE...

BUT–ORLEANS IS ON THE OTHER RIVER-BANK!
THE AREA AROUND ORLEANS
FORT SAINT-LOUP–TO THE EAST OF ORLEAN
ORLEANS
BEACH OF ST.-AIGNAN
LOIRE RIVER
FORT OF TOURNELLES
FORT SAINT-AUGUSTINS
BOURDONS ISLE
ENGLISH POSITIONS
LA HIRE! THEY'VE SENT US TO THE WRONG SIDE!
THE WIND IS AGAINST US. IT'S STOPPED THE PROVISION BOATS FROM REACHING THE LOADING DOCKS.
WHAT A MESS!
MORE EMPTY BOATS WERE STRANDED DOWNSTREAM BY BOURDONS ISLE.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO LOAD SO CLOSE TO THE ENGLISH AT SAINT-LOUP...
NEAR SAINT-LOUP, AFTER AVOIDING THE ENGLISH FORCES...
ARE YOU DUNOIS, THE COMMANDER OF ORLEANS?
YES, I AM, AND I'M DELIGHTED YOU'RE HERE!
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO SENT ME TO THIS SIDE OF THE RIVER INSTEAD OF DIRECTLY TO THE ENGLISH?
THE COUNCIL DECIDED IT WOULD BE SAFER.

GOD'S COUNSEL IS WISER AND MORE CERTAIN THAN YOURS! YOU WANTED TO MISLEAD ME, BUT YOU'VE ONLY DECEIVED YOURSELF!
BECAUSE OF YOU, MY ARMY WILL HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE OTHER BANK—4 DAYS OF MARCHING!
THE WIND IS CHANGING! THE BOATS CAN BE LOADED!
LATER...
THE SUPPLIES ARE LOADED!
I CAN'T LEAVE MY ARMY!
IT'S A MIRACLE! COME WITH US: ORLEANS AWAITS YOU!
OUR CAPTAINS WILL LEAD THEM! PROFIT FROM THE FAVORABLE WIND!
THE SUPPLIES...!
THEY'RE GETTING THROUGH!
WE'VE CREATED A DIVERSION AT SAINT-LOUP!
YOU KNOW, LA HIRE, I'M STARTING TO BELIEVE EVEN MORE IN THE MAIDEN!
HURRAH!

EVENING, FRIDAY, APR. 29, 1429 . . .
HURRAH!
IT'S BEEN A TERRIBLE, LONG SIEGE!
LONG LIVE THE MAIDEN!
LONG LIVE DUNOIS!!
HOORAY!
THEY'VE HAD NO SUPPLIES FOR TWO MONTHS! THEY WERE STARVING!
SHE'S AN ANGEL OF GOD!
WE'RE NO LONGER ABANDONED!!!
TOUCH OUR ROSARIES TO BLESS THEM!
RIDICULOUS! ONLY A PRIEST CAN BLESS YOUR ROSARIES!
MY BANNER!
PUT IT OUT!
FIRE!!!
AND TOMORROW, WE'LL BEAT THE ENGLISH!
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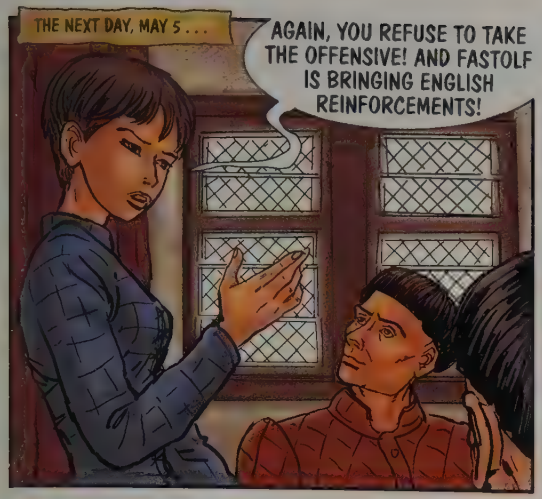
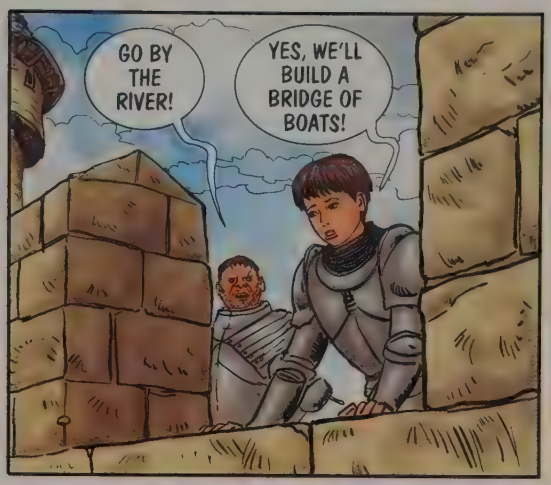
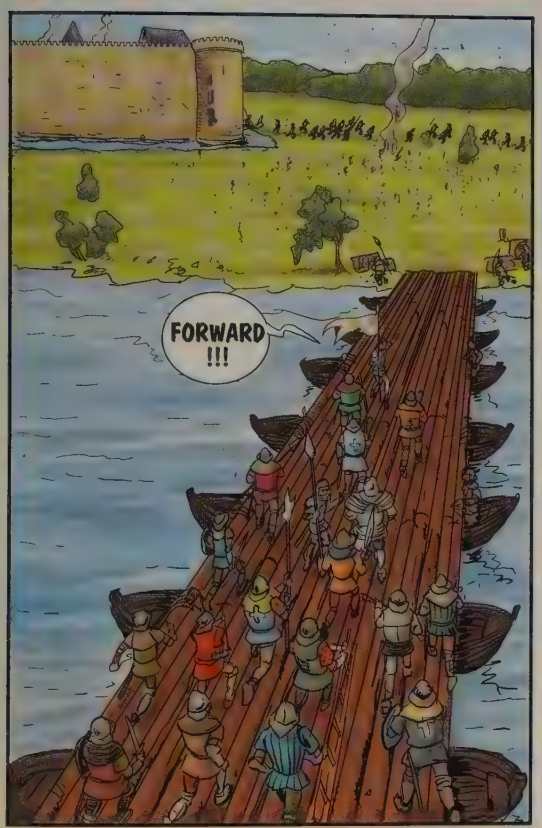
MAY 4, AT DAWN...
DON'T ATTACK TODAY? YOU'VE TOLD ME THAT FOR THE PAST 5 DAYS. I'VE OFFERED PEACE TERMS TO THE ENGLISH. THEY HAVE NO RESPECT FOR ME!
IT'S NOT JUST UP TO YOU. THE COUNCIL WILL DECIDE!
THEY WANT TO WAIT FOR MY ARMY TO RETURN!
BUT THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE! I HAVE ONLY A YEAR AT THE MOST. WE MUST DO IT!
SOUND THE ALARM! IT'S THE ENGLISH!
MY ARMOR!
TO SAINT-LOUP! LET'S GO!!
LA HIRE, XAINTRAILLES! THIS WAY!
SEVERAL HOURS LATER...
THEY'VE RETREATED! VICTORY!
XAINTRAILLES, WHERE IS JOAN?
JOAN?

JOAN!
WHERE CAN SHE BE?
LA HIRE! OVER HERE!
JOAN!... BUT... WHAT'S WRONG!
WHY ARE YOU CRYING, JOAN? HE'S ENGLISH! THIS IS WAR!
I DON'T LOVE WAR! I TRIED TO GET THEM TO LEAVE... THEY REFUSED!
BECAUSE OF STUBBORNNESS, SO MANY DEAD...
GOD, THEY'RE YOUR CHILDREN, LIKE US...
FR. JOHN, I'M CRYING BECAUSE THE ENGLISH DIED WITHOUT CONFESSION.
THAT EVENING...
ORLEANS WILL BE FREED IN 5 DAYS!


THE NEXT DAY, MAY 5 . . .
AGAIN, YOU REFUSE TO TAKE THE OFFENSIVE! AND FASTOLF IS BRINGING ENGLISH REINFORCEMENTS!

MAY 6 . . .
YOU REFUSE TO LISTEN ? I'LL GO WITH THE VOLUNTEERS!


GO BY THE RIVER!
YES, WE'LL BUILD A BRIDGE OF BOATS!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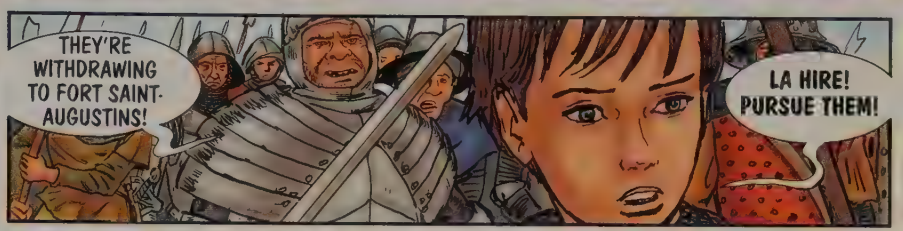
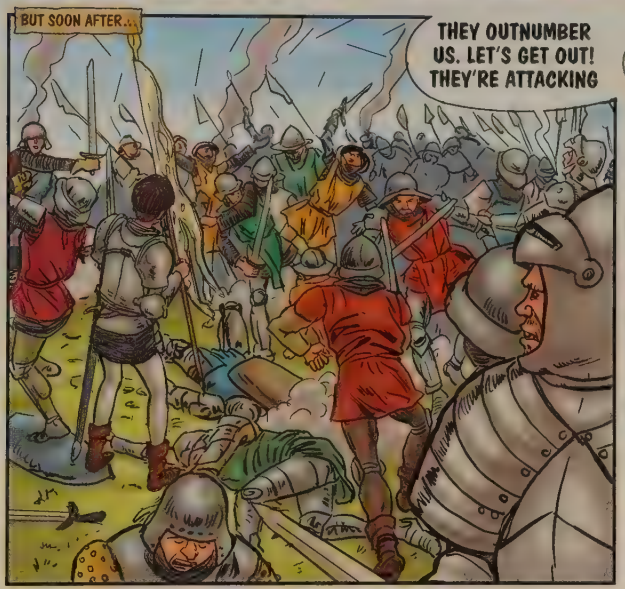

THEY'RE WITHDRAWING TO FORT SAINT-AUGUSTINS!
LA HIRE! PURSUE THEM!


BUT SOON AFTER...
THEY OUTNUMBER US. LET'S GET OUT! THEY'RE ATTACKING

OUR REAR GUARD! WE HAVE TO HELP!

THEY'RE LOSING GROUND! THE WIND'S NOW IN OUR FAVOR!

SAINT-AUGUSTINS IS OURS! VICTORY!!!

OUR NEXT GOAL IS FORT TOURNELLES!

MAY 7...
TO TOURNELLES!!!
GLASDALE,* SURRENDER! YOU'RE AN ENEMY OF FRANCE, BUT I HAVE GREAT PITY FOR YOU...
...AND FOR ALL OF YOUR...
AAH!
THE MAIDEN! THEY'VE KILLED HER!
SHE'S DEAD! THE COW-KEEPER IS DEAD!
HURRAH!
JOAN?
I...I KNOW THAT I MUST DIE SOMETIME, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHEN, WHERE, OR HOW.
THERE ARE SO MANY ENGLISH; DUNOIS WANTS TO RETREAT.
RETREAT? GOD, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
NOT YET! LA HIRE, HELP ME!

*THE ENGLISH CAPTAIN.

SOUND THE RETREAT!!!
DUNOIS! WAIT! WE'LL SOON GET IN! TRUST ME!
?
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!!
HER BANNER!!!
IT'S THE SIGNAL TO ATTACK!
IT'S HER!!!
THE SORCERESS!!!
SHE'S RESURRECTED!
LET'S GET OUT!
SHE'S IMMORTAL!
WAIT! SHE'S JUST A GIRL!
GLASDALE, I WROTE ASKING YOU TO LEAVE FRANCE. I'M STILL READY TO OFFER PEACE TERMS!
NEVER!
HE'S BURNING THE BRIDGE!
BETTER A THOUSAND YEARS OF WAR!
I'LL NEVER...
ARGHH!
KRAAK
GOD HELP HIS SOUL!
I ONLY WANTED PEACE.

AT RHEIMS, BISHOP CAUCHON IS BUSY...
YES, I KNOW. TOMORROW, BECAUSE OF GLASDALE'S DEATH, TALBOT WILL LIFT THE 7-MONTH-LONG ENGLISH SIEGE!
UNIMAGINABLE!
THE DUKE OF ALENÇON HAS EXAMINED THE FORTS. HE SAYS THEY WERE TAKEN "MORE BY MIRACLE THAN BY MILITARY FORCE."
THIS GIRL HAS PERSUADED THE CAPTAINS TO FREE THE ROAD LEADING TO THE DAUPHIN'S CORONATION AT RHEIMS. SOON THEY'LL TAKE BACK NORMANDY . . .
HMM, SHE'S SMARTER THAN THEY ARE. IF THE DAUPHIN'S CROWNED, HE BECOMES THE TRUE KING, AND MY TREATY OF TROYES IS VOIDED—ENDING THE ENGLISH INTERFERENCE IN FRANCE SINCE 1337!
AFTER CERTAIN EOPLE CHANGED SIDES...
...LIKE THE DUKE OF BRITTANY!!!
YES, I KNOW THAT!!!
IN ONE WEEK SHE TOOK BACK THE TOWNS OF JARGEAU, MEUNG, BEAUGENCY, AND ABOVE ALL...PATAY!
2,000 ENGLISH DEAD, BUT ONLY 3 FRENCH! THEY'RE PAYING US BACK FOR AGINCOURT... TALBOT'S A PRISONER! OUR MEN ARE AFRAID!
BEDFORD WAS FORCED TO PUNISH THE CAPTAINS AND SOLDIERS WHO DESERTED AND TRIED TO FLEE TO ENGLAND, TERRIFIED BY THE SORCERY OF THE MAIDEN. . .
END IT ALL. ARREST THEM!
SCROTCH

AT TROYES, JULY 9 . . .
TROYES REFUSES TO OPEN ITS GATES!
GOOD DAUPHIN, GET YOUR FORCES READY, BECAUSE IN 3 DAYS I'M GOING TO GET YOU INTO THE CITY OF TROYES . . .
EITHER WILLINGLY, BY FORCE, OR BY COURAGE, WE'LL DEFEAT THE TRAITOROUS BURGUNDY!
THE NEXT DAY . . .
A SURRENDER WITHOUT FIGHTING: A WONDERFUL VICTORY FOR THE DAUPHIN, WHO WAS DEPOSED HERE 9 YEARS AGO!
LONG LIVE THE DAUPHIN!
6 DAYS LATER . . .
THE OFFICIALS OF RHEIMS ARE PRESENTING YOU THE CITY KEYS!
RHEIMS, FINALLY!!!
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN . . .
TO BEAUVAIS!!!
IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP THE CORONATION! SHE'LL PAY FOR THIS!

RHEIMS, JULY 17, 1429...
THANKS TO GOD, PEACE WILL RETURN, AND LIFE WILL RETURN TO NORMAL.
SHE'S LIKE THE BIBLICAL PROPHETS: GOD SPEAKS TO HER AND ENLIGHTENS HER. SHE'S ACCOMPLISHING HIS MISSION.
. . . LIKE ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, EZEKIEL. SHE USES HER INTELLIGENCE AND COMES UP AGAINST STAUNCH RESISTANCE, AS JESUS DID...
BUT SHE TOLD ME, "I'LL LAST ONE YEAR– AT THE MOST!"
LONG LIVE THE KING!!!
LONG LIVE CHARLES VII!
LONG LIVE THE MAIDEN!
SIRE, WE MUST FREE PARIS AND GIVE AID TO MONT SAINT-MICHEL!
OH? AH . . . WE'LL THINK ABOUT IT, WON'T WE, TRÉMOILLE?

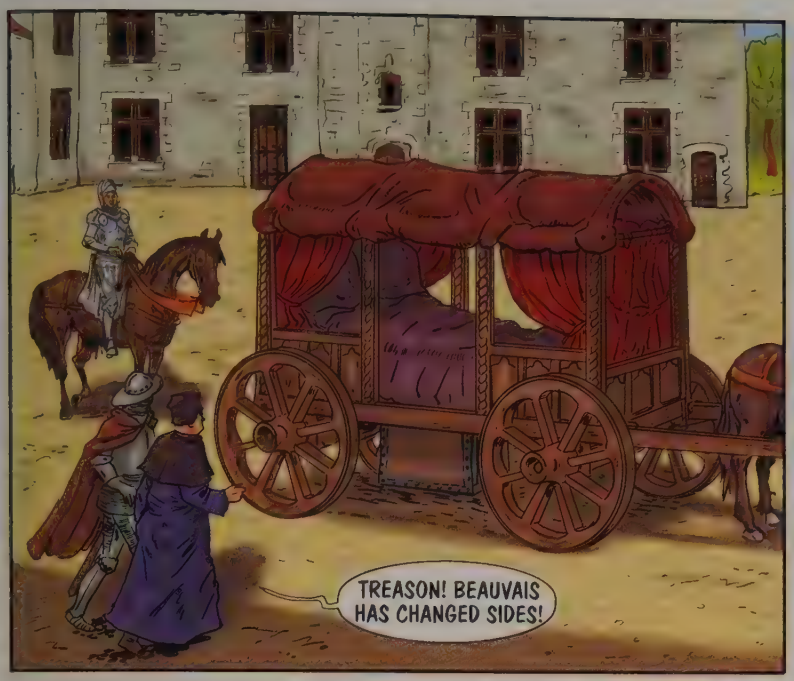
AT BEAUVAIS
LISTEN TO THIS: "THE MAIDEN DEMANDS, IN THE NAME OF THE KING OF HEAVEN, THAT YOU, THE KING OF FRANCE AND YOU, THE DUKE OF BURGUNDY, ESTABLISH A LONG-LASTING PEACE...
HA HA HA!
...AND THAT YOU PARDON ONE ANOTHER WHOLEHEARTEDLY..." HE HA HA!
HO HO HO!
OUR FRIEND TRÈMOILLE*, ON THE DAY OF THE CORONATION, CONVINCED KING CHARLES TO SIGN A SECRET TRUCE FOR 15 DAYS, LONG ENOUGH TO ALLOW THE DUKE OF BEDFORD . . .
...TO BRING IN FRESH TROOPS!
OF COURSE: 3,500 SOLDIERS! AND NOW...ON TO PARIS!
HOW WILL YOU FINANCE BEDFORD?
YOU'LL SEE, THE DUKE OF LUXEMBOURG IS CLEVER...
WITH A COLLECTION! A COLLECTION IN THE CHURCHES.
WE'LL SAY IT'S FOR A CRUSADE AGAINST THE HERETICAL HUSSITES IN BOHEMIA.
AH YES, THE FOLLOWERS OF JOHN HUS, WHO NAIVELY WENT TO PLEAD HIS CAUSE AT THE COUNCIL OF CONSTANCE 15 YEARS AGO.
EXACTLY!
HE WAS CONDEMNED AS A HERETIC, THEN BURNED, AND HIS REMAINS WERE THROWN INTO THE RHINE RIVER. SO, NO "RELICS."
YES, A VERY GOOD METHOD!!!

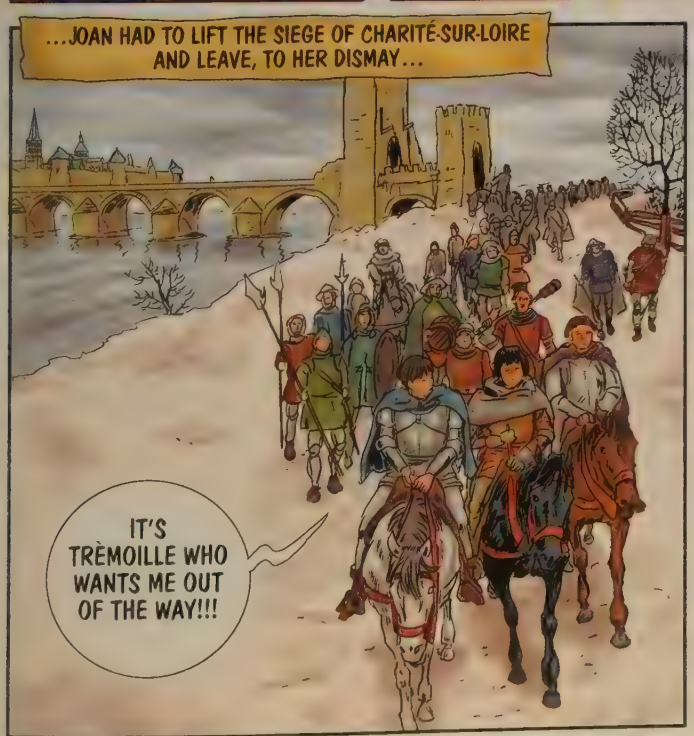
* HIS FATHER, JOHN DE LA TREMOILLE, WAS THE GRAND MASTER TO THE DUKE OF BURGUNDY, PHILIP THE GOOD.

PARIS, THE SAINT-HONORÉ GATE, SEPT. 8, 1429...
IF THE KING HAD LISTENED TO US, WE'D HAVE ARRIVED BEFORE THE ENGLISH REINFORCEMENTS!
IF IT PLEASES GOD, I'D LIKE TO DISBAND MY ARMY AND GO BACK TO MY PARENTS. 36 DAYS OF GOING AND COMING... BUT WE'RE FINALLY AT PARIS!
IF YOU WON'T LEAVE, WE'LL COME IN BY FORCE!
NEVER! TAKE THIS!
AAHHH...
RETREAT! IT'S ALMOST NIGHTFALL...
KEEP GOING! YOU'LL GET THERE!
LET ME GO ON! GOD IS WITH US.
ARGH!
THE BASILICA OF SAINT-DENIS
ALL THIS TIME LOST!
I WILL PUT DOWN THIS SWORD OF WAR...
...AND PRAY TO SAINT DENIS, FRANCE'S PATRON.

AT THE GATES OF PARIS...
EVEN WOUNDED, SHE'LL STILL TAKE PARIS!
THERE'S NO NEED, SIRE! PHILIP OF BURGUNDY HAS PROMISED TO HAND OVER PARIS IN EXCHANGE FOR THIS TRUCE!
WHAT TO DO WITH JOAN? I'M INDEBTED TO HER FOR MY CORONATION.
NOTHING AT ALL! JOAN'S WOUND WILL QUIET THINGS DOWN.
HMMM! BAD NEWS!
WHAT DID HE TELL YOU?
HE SAID THAT JOAN WANTS TO BUILD A BRIDGE OF BOATS TO ATTACK TOMORROW AT THE AUBE.
AH! THAT'S INGENIOUS...
IT'S IDIOTIC!!!
WHAT?
THIS WILL RUIN THE TRUCE WE'VE NEGOTIATED! IT WILL BE SEEN AS AN ACT OF WAR!
WHAT NOW?
IT'S VERY SIMPLE...

EARLY NEXT MORNING...
DUE TO YOUR WOUND, YOU MUST REST IN THE CAMP!
WHAT? AND MISS THE VICTORY AT THE BRIDGE...
...WE'RE GOING TO...
WHAT?
WHAT IS IT?
THE BRIDGE?
DESTROYED!
BY ORDER OF THE KING!
WHAT IS IT, JOAN?
NOTHING LESS THAN TREASON!!!
AT THE CAPTAINS' COUNCIL...
I PROMISED TO BRING PEACE QUICKLY. WE'RE GOING BACK TO CHINON.
OH, NO!
AT GIEN, SEPT. 21, 1429...
A CATASTROPHE! THE ARMY IS DISSOLVED BY ORDER OF THE KING!
TRÈMOILLE WANTS TO DIVIDE THE VICTORIOUS CAPTAINS. HE WANTS TO SEPARATE ME FROM THE DUKE OF ALENÇON!
THE KING WON'T LET ALLOW ME TO LIBERATE MONT SAINT-MICHEL!





* THE YOUNG HENRY VI (8 YEARS OLD) WAS CROWNED KING OF ENGLAND ON NOVEMBER 6, 1429.

3 MONTHS LATER, MAY 1430 . . .
COMPIÈGNE HAS BEEN UNDER SIEGE FOR 15 DAYS.* LET'S GO HELP THEM!
WITHOUT ASKING THE COURT?
IT'S SAFER. THE NOBLES OFTEN IGNORE THE SUFFERING PEASANTS. JEAN D'AULON IS WAITING NEAR COMPIÈGNE WITH 200 MEN.
BEDFORD HAS LANDED AT CALAIS WITH 2,000 SOLDIERS AND THE LITTLE 8-YEAR-OLD KING, HENRY VI, WHO WAS CROWNED IN ENGLAND!
WHAT WILL THEY DO WITH THE CHILD?
MAKE HIM KING OF FRANCE, TOO!
LIKE HIS FATHER AND GRANDFATHER–THEY WANT THE CROWN, AND NO ONE CARES ABOUT THE SUFFERING CAUSED! THIS WAR WILL DRAG ON FOR 1,000 YEARS UNLESS WE FIGHT FOR PEACE!
WE CAN'T GET INTO COMPIÈGNE. THE ENGLISH OUTNUMBER US!
WE HAVE ENOUGH MEN! I'M GOING TO SEE MY FRIENDS AT COMPIÈGNE.
AS I THOUGHT, THE BURGUNDIANS ARE SLEEPING. THEY AREN'T EXPECTING REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE KING! NOR A NIGHT RAID FROM FLAVY...
IN BESIEGED COMPIÈGNE...
WILLIAM OF FLAVY, THE PEOPLE, EVEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN, ALL PREFER TO DIE RATHER THAN SURRENDER TO THE DUKE OF LUXEMBOURG!

* PHILIP OF BURGUNDY HAD BEGUN A SIEGE MAY 6.

IN THE MORNING..
LORD LUXEMBOURG! THE SORCERESS HAS RETURNED!
WHAT? WHAT?

SHE HAS BEATEN US BACK!
HURRY AND WARN MONTGOMERY! HE CAN STILL SURROUND HER TROOPS!

SHE'S FALLING INTO THE TRAP!

LOOK OUT! THE ENGLISH ARE AT OUR FLANK. TURN AROUND!

SOUND THE RETREAT!
QUICK, INSIDE!

THE GATE!
HEY!! WAIT!!!

BUT?
AAAH!!

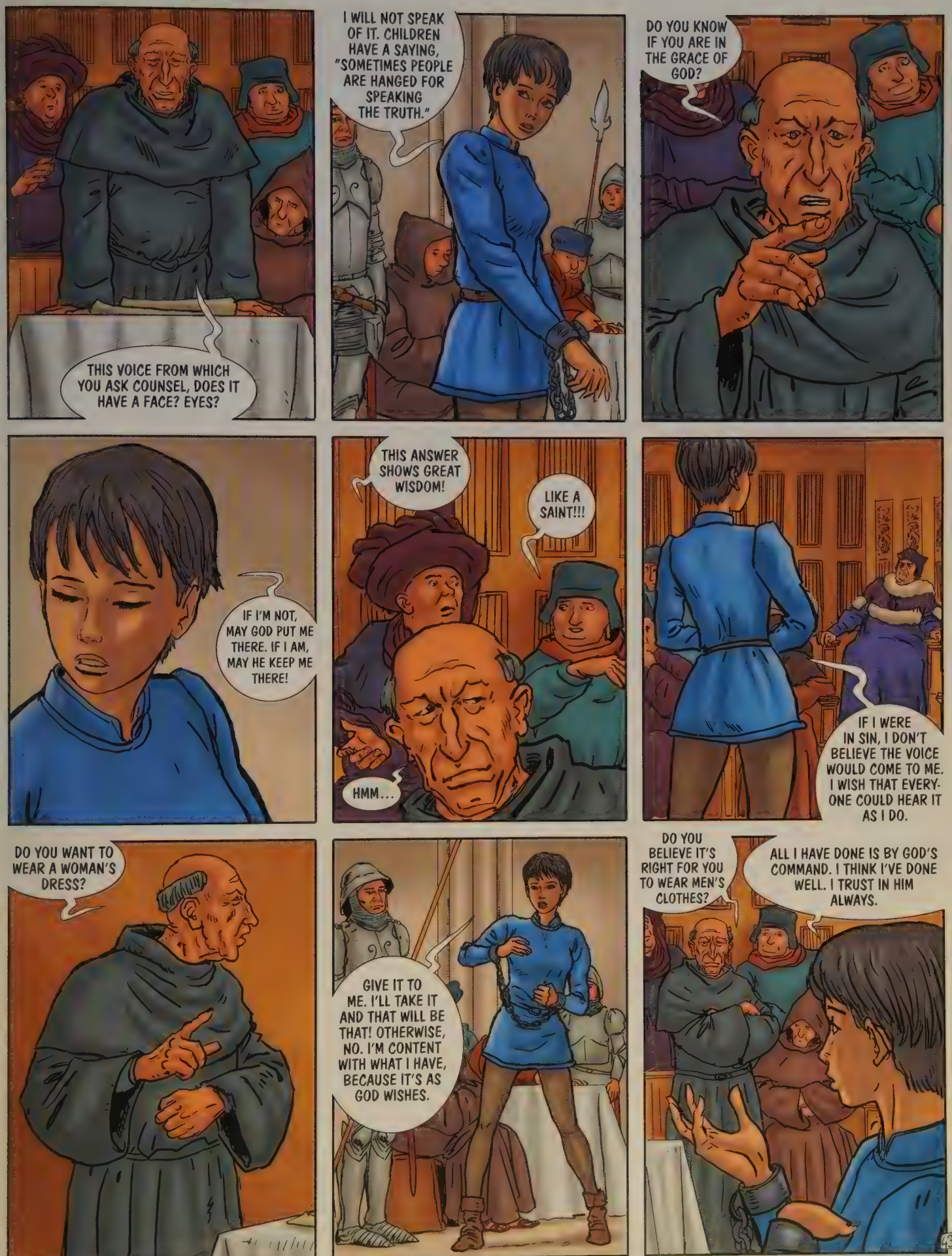
SURRENDER AND SUBMIT TO ME!
I'VE ALREADY SUBMITTED TO GOD!

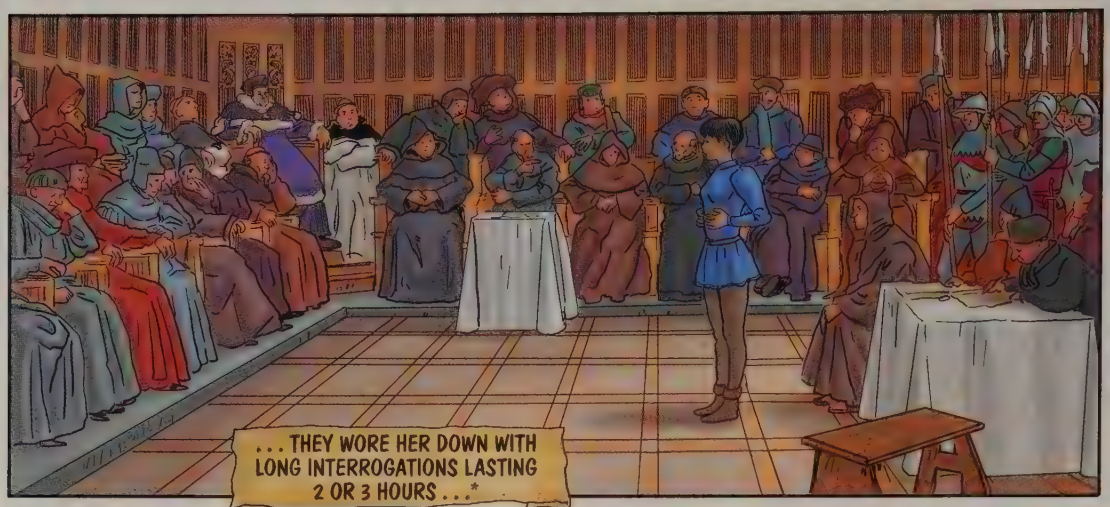
BRAVO! GOOD JOB, WANDOMME!
SHE'S A CAPTIVE OF LORD LUXEMBOURG

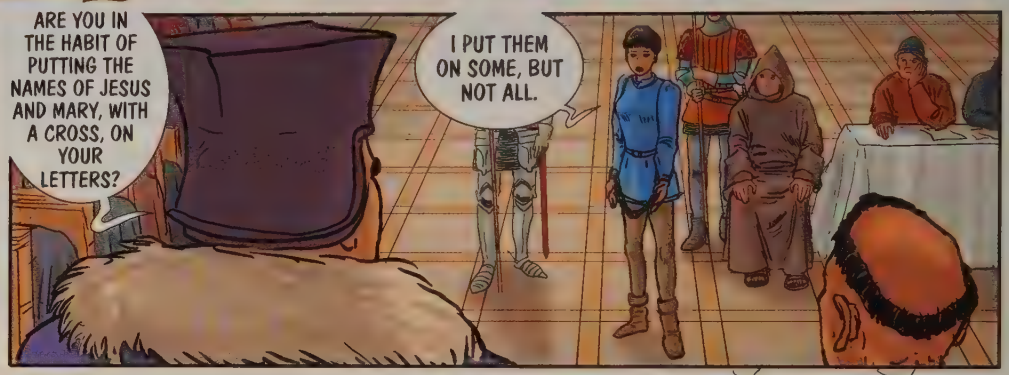
JOAN WAS A PRISONER OF THE DUKE OF LUXEMBOURG, COUSIN OF THE DUKE OF BURGUNDY.
IF ONLY OUR FRIENDS HAD KEPT THE GATE OPEN... BUT THEY FEARED THE ENEMY...
ANYTHING WAS STILL POSSIBLE. SOME WANTED JOAN TO BE TRIED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS..
I MUST ESCAPE . . .
THE GUARD'S ASLEEP–NOW'S THE TIME!
CHARLES VII, KING OF FRANCE–WHOSE CORONATION SHE HAD MADE POSSIBLE–DID NOTHING.
THE ENGLISH ENTRUSTED NEGOTIATIONS TO THEIR SPECIALIST, CAUCHON.
WOULD CAUCHON RAISE ENOUGH CASH FOR THE ENGLISH TO BUY JOAN?
AND STILL . . . NO HELP CAME FROM CHARLES VII. NONE AT ALL!
AFTER 4 MONTHS AND 2 ESCAPE ATTEMPTS . . .
IT'S A GOOD THING YOU HAVEN'T BROKEN ANY BONES!
BISHOP CAUCHON, THAT SKILLFUL NEGOTIATOR, SAW HIS CHANCE FOR REVENGE.
THE ENGLISH WANT YOU WHOLE AND ENTIRE
HA HA!
THEY'LL CRUSH HER LIKE A GRAIN OF SAND!
SHE WAS TRANSFERRED TO ROUEN, UNDER SIEGE BY THE ENGLISH.

NOV. 1430 . . .
BRAVO, MY DEAR LUXEMBOURG, YOU'VE PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT MEAL FOR THE TRIP!
YOU'RE FAMOUS, MY LORD! PHILIP THE GOOD WANTS EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CAPTURED THIS CREATURE. YOU'VE BROUGHT US GLORY!
THANKS TO YOU, BISHOP CAUCHON!
NOT TO ME, BUT TO THE ENGLISH, WHO'VE SENT 10,000 CROWNS TO BUY HER. I'M JUST A GO-BETWEEN.
WELL-PAID, IT'S TRUE!
OUR FRIENDS THE ENGLISH ARE HOLDING MUCH AGAINST HER: THEY WANT TO SHOW THAT SHE ONLY DEFEATED THEM THROUGH SORCERY, AND THAT SHE HAS NO POWER NOW.
SORCERY? YOU MUST BE JOKING!
ALL SHE TALKS ABOUT IS GOD!
THE INQUISITION WILL JUDGE THAT!
THE...FOR A PRISONER OF WAR? BUT... WHO WILL PRESIDE AT THIS TRIBUNAL?
THE LOCAL BISHOP WHERE SHE WAS CAPTURED.
OF COMPIÈGNE? IN THE DIOCESE OF BEAUVAIS ... WAIT A MINUTE!
HA HA!
OH YES, I'LL BE HER JUDGE—ME, BISHOP PIERRE CAUCHON!

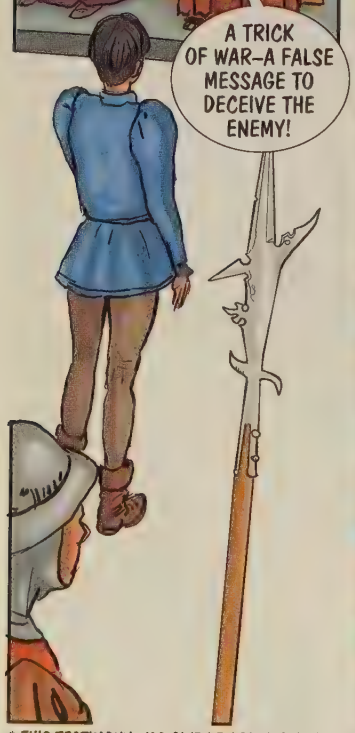
FEBRUARY 1431 . . .
PROMISE YOU WON'T TRY TO ESCAPE AGAIN, UNDER PAIN OF CONVICTION . . .
. . . OF THE CRIME OF HERESY!
I WON'T GIVE YOU MY WORD. IF I DID, THEN YOU'D BE ABLE TO SAY I BROKE IT. EVERY PRISONER HAS THE RIGHT TO TRY TO ESCAPE.
WILL YOU TAKE AN OATH TO ONLY SPEAK THE TRUTH?
I'LL SPEAK ABOUT WHAT I KNOW– BUT YOU MAY ASK THINGS I CAN'T TELL YOU.
I COME IN GOD'S NAME, AND I DON'T BELONG HERE. I ASK THAT YOU TURN ME OVER TO GOD.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING YESTERDAY MORNING WHEN YOU SAY YOU HEARD A VOICE?
I WAS ASLEEP– THE VOICE WOKE ME UP.
AND YOU THANKED THIS VOICE? DID YOU GET ON YOUR KNEES?
I DID THANK IT. I SAT UP IN MY BED, AND I JOINED MY HANDS. AFTER THAT, I ASKED IT FOR HELP.
THE VOICE TOLD ME TO ANSWER YOU BOLDLY.
YOU SAID YOU ARE MY JUDGE. TAKE CARE NOT TO JUDGE BADLY, BECAUSE YOU WILL PUT YOURSELF IN GREAT DANGER.

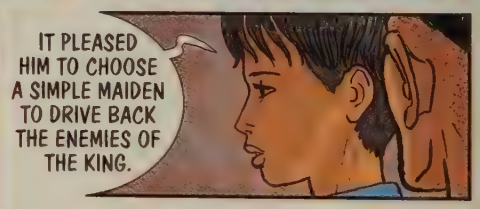

THIS VOICE FROM WHICH YOU ASK COUNSEL, DOES IT HAVE A FACE? EYES?
I WILL NOT SPEAK OF IT. CHILDREN HAVE A SAYING, "SOMETIMES PEOPLE ARE HANGED FOR SPEAKING THE TRUTH."
DO YOU KNOW IF YOU ARE IN THE GRACE OF GOD?
IF I'M NOT, MAY GOD PUT ME THERE. IF I AM, MAY HE KEEP ME THERE!
THIS ANSWER SHOWS GREAT WISDOM!
LIKE A SAINT!!!
HMM...
IF I WERE IN SIN, I DON'T BELIEVE THE VOICE WOULD COME TO ME. I WISH THAT EVERY-ONE COULD HEAR IT AS I DO.
DO YOU WANT TO WEAR A WOMAN'S DRESS?
GIVE IT TO ME. I'LL TAKE IT AND THAT WILL BE THAT! OTHERWISE, NO. I'M CONTENT WITH WHAT I HAVE, BECAUSE IT'S AS GOD WISHES.
DO YOU BELIEVE IT'S RIGHT FOR YOU TO WEAR MEN'S CLOTHES?
ALL I HAVE DONE IS BY GOD'S COMMAND. I THINK I'VE DONE WELL. I TRUST IN HIM ALWAYS.





WITHIN 7 YEARS, THE ENGLISH WILL GAMBLE AND LOSE EVEN MORE THAN THEY ALREADY HAVE AT ORLEANS–THEY'LL LOSE ALL OF FRANCE.
I KNOW THAT JUST AS SURELY AS I KNOW THAT YOU'RE IN FRONT OF ME.**





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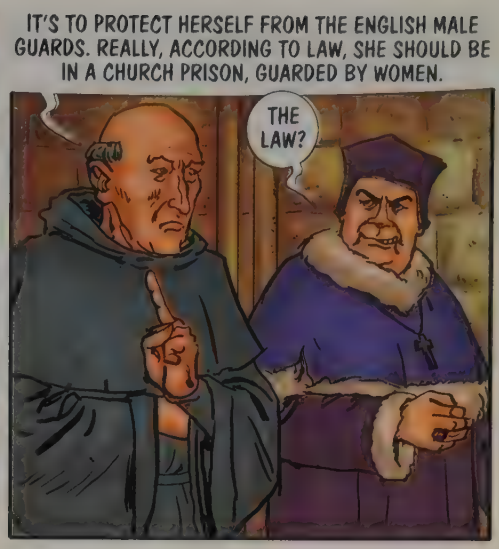
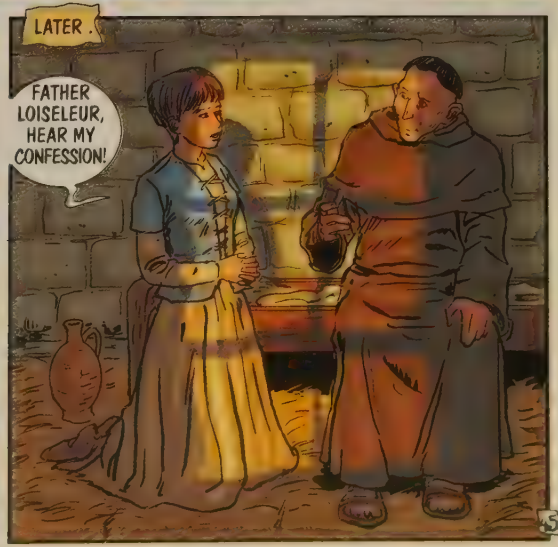

IT'S TO PROTECT HERSELF FROM THE ENGLISH MALE GUARDS. REALLY, ACCORDING TO LAW, SHE SHOULD BE IN A CHURCH PRISON, GUARDED BY WOMEN.
THE LAW?

AT THE ROUEN CEMETERY . . .
RENOUNCE YOUR MEN'S CLOTHING, SIGN THIS PAPER, AND WE'LL SEND YOU TO A WOMEN'S PRISON—OR YOU'LL BE BURNED TO DEATH AT ONCE!



* SECRETARY TO THE ENGLISH KING

MAY 28, 1431...
THE DRESS THEY HAD GIVEN ME DISAPPEARED THIS MORNING. INSTEAD, I FOUND THESE MEN'S CLOTHES.
WHAT HAVE YOUR VOICES SAID?
THAT I SHOULD BEG GOD AND OUR LADY TO SEND ME COUNSEL AND COMFORT, AND LATER THEY WILL GIVE IT TO ME.
THEY SPOKE TO YOU IN THOSE EXACT WORDS?
MOST GENTLE GOD, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR HOLY PASSION...
I ASK YOU, IF YOU LOVE ME, TO TELL ME HOW TO RESPOND TO THESE CHURCH OFFICIALS . . .
I FIRST WORE THE MEN'S CLOTHES IN RESPONSE TO YOUR COMMAND.
AND NOW I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO.
PLEASE, LORD. SEND ME A SIGN!

LET'S SEE HOW OUR SPY IS DOING.
SEE! SHE'S WEARING MEN'S CLOTHES AGAIN!
SHE'S FALLEN BACK INTO ERROR! WE'VE GOT HER!
GOOD JOB, "FATHER" LOISELEUR!
MY GOD! A PHONY PRIEST!
WHAT A NIGHTMARE!!!

FAREWELL, MY DEAR; YOU'RE DONE FOR!
WE DECLARE YOU A HERETIC, STUBBORN AND RELAPSED.
WAIT, THIS MUST BE EXPLAINED TO HER. SHE MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.
WOULD YOU ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE POPE?
YES, I'VE ALREADY SAID SO. TAKE ME TO HIM!
IN THE DEVIL'S NAME, FR. ISAMBART DE LA PIERRE, KEEP QUIET!
SHALL I NOTE THIS SUBMISSION TO THE POPE?
NO! IT'S NOT NECESSARY, MASTER MANCHON.
AH, YOU'RE CAREFUL TO MAKE NOTES AGAINST ME, BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO WRITE ANYTHING IN MY FAVOR?
IF ANYONE LEARNS THAT SHE SUBMITTED HERSELF TO THE POPE, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO ACCUSE HER OF HERESY!

DAWN ON MAY 30, 1431
JOAN . . .
I'VE COME TO TELL YOU YOU'RE GOING TO BE BURNED AT THE STAKE.
NO! I'D RATHER BE BEHEADED 7 TIMES THAN BE BURNED!
I WANT TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.
"ONE OF THE ENGLISH, A SOLDIER WHO HATED JOAN FIERCELY. . ."
". . . HAD SWORN HE'D BE THE ONE TO BRING THE TORCH TO BURN HER . . ."
". . .WHEN HE DID, HE HEARD JOAN CRY OUT JESUS' NAME. IN HER FINAL MOMENTS . . ."
". . . SHE SEEMED TO BE IN EC-STASY . . ."

* TESTIMONY OF FR. ISAMBART DE LA PIERRE

". . . AFTER JOAN'S DEATH, HE WENT TO A NEARBY TAVERN FOR A DRINK, TO PULL HIMSELF TOGETHER . . ."
". . . HE CONFESSED THAT HE HAD COMMITTED A GRAVE SIN, AND HE REPENTED OF WHAT HE HAD DONE TO JOAN, WHO, IT SEEMED TO HIM, WAS A GREAT SAINT."
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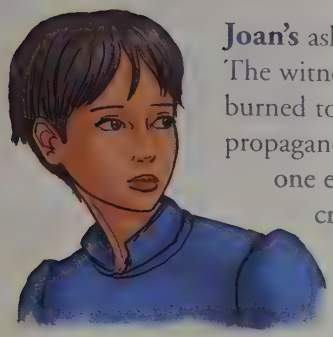
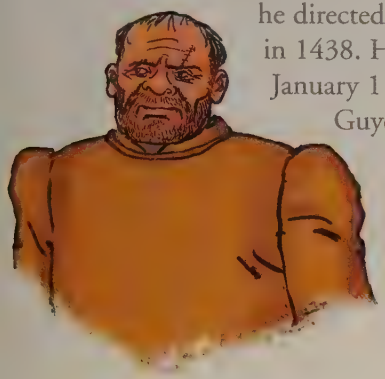
". . . A WHITE DOVE FLY OUT, SOARING TOWARD HEAVEN!"
". . . THIS ENGLISHMAN HAD ACTUALLY SEEN, AT THE MOMENT JOAN GAVE UP HER SPIRIT TO GOD . . ."

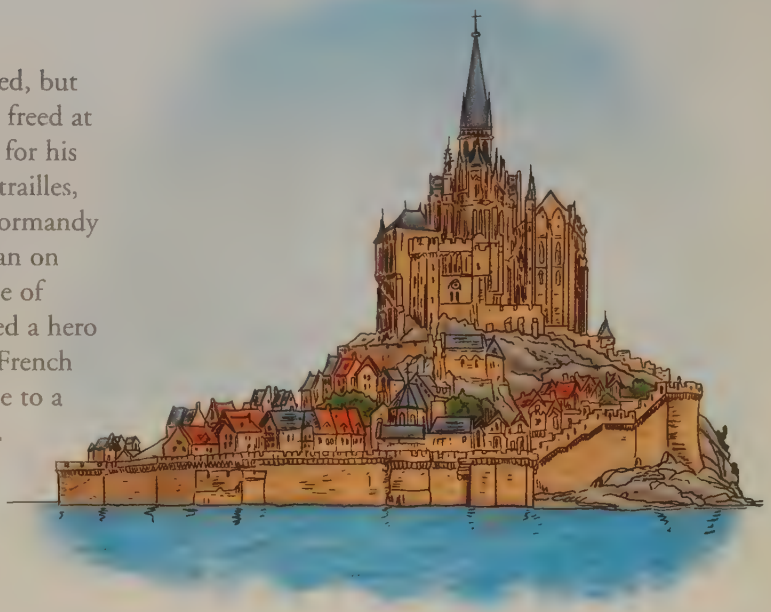
What Happened to Them?



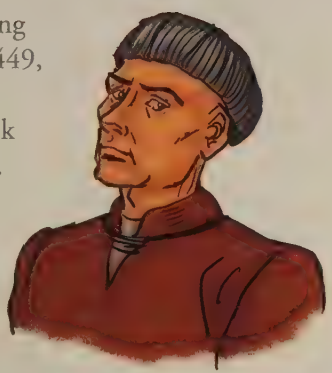
Joan's ashes were thrown into the Seine River, because her enemies wanted to destroy any relics. The witnesses of her deeds, who saw her as "an angel of God," couldn't believe that she'd been burned to death as a sorceress. They saw the information spread by the English-Burgundians as propaganda, given out for the purpose of destroying morale. Thus began the legend that someone else had been put to death in her place, and a false "Joan" appeared, who was later discredited. Twenty-five years after her death, Joan was declared innocent at what is known as her trial of nullification (also called her trial of rehabilitation). She was named a saint by the Church on May 9, 1920.

La Hire wanted to free Joan after she was captured, but himself fell into the hands of the English. He was freed at the price of a large ransom and resumed the fight for his French king, Charles VII. With Dunois and Xaintrailles, he directed the campaign of Normandy in 1438. He died at Montauban on January 11, 1443, at the battle of Guyenne. He's considered a hero in France, and the French have given his name to a popular card game.





Dunois kept on fighting and won Verneuil in 1449, entered Bordeaux on June 30, 1451, and took Bayonne on August 25. With the Duke of Alencon, he testified at Joan's nullification trial in May 1456, twenty-five years after her death.



Mont Saint-Michel continued to courageously resist the English until the liberation of Normandy in 1450. The fortress was never taken by the English; it was defended after 1425 by Louis d'Estivel. His brother, William d'Estivel, was named an official of Pope Nicholas V, who gave him the task of making peace among the Christian princes of Europe while Constantinople was menaced by the Turks. In 1452, he began the first official inquiry into Joan's trial of condemnation.

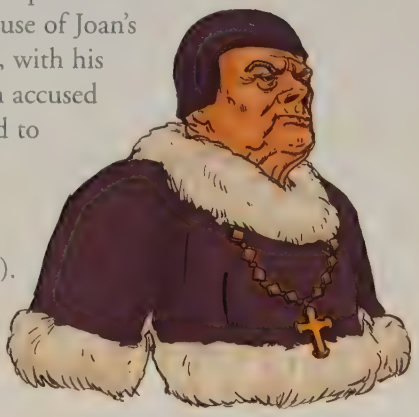
Peace

"As for the English, the peace needed is that they must go back to their own country, England." After 116 years of war, peace returned in 1453, twenty-two years after Joan's death. Everyone knows that no peace is possible as long as an occupation lasts. Joan said: "Of the love or the ill-will that God has for the English, I know nothing, but they must return to their own country."

Charles VII
The French King Charles VII stayed under the influence of Trémoille until Trèmoille's assassination in 1432. Fifteen years after Joan's death, King Charles would finally be transformed. What he accomplished with the truce of 1444 was truly remarkable: a complete financial and military reorganization. It was comparable to what his grandfather Charles V had done at Brétigny.

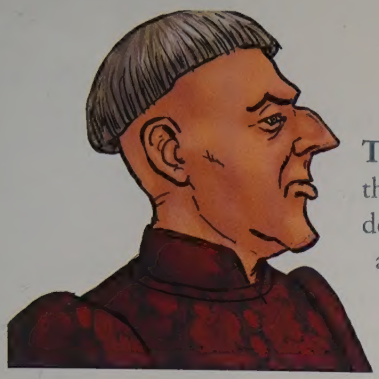
George de la Trèmoille
He was assassinated in 1433 by a sword thrust in his stomach by the Briton Arthur de Richemont, supported by the family of Anjou, especially Yolande of Sicily. She was the one who had insisted that the Dauphin receive Joan at Chinon. Trèmoille died in 1446.

Bishop Pierre Cauchon
On June 21, the King of England gave him certain "letters of guarantee" promising him protection if he was persecuted or attacked because of Joan's trial. Later, at the Council of Basel, with his godfather John Beaupère, Cauchon accused Pope Eugene IV of heresy and tried to replace him with a false pope: the Duke of Savoy, who was the last antipope in the history of the Church. He was called Felix (1439). Bishop Pierre Cauchon died suddenly on December 14, 1442.

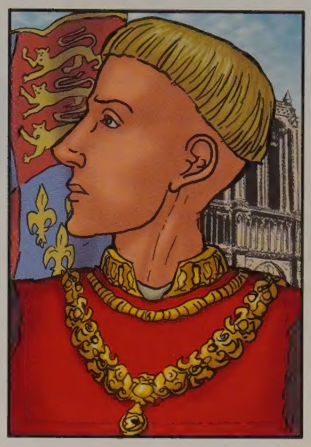


William Manchon
Eight hours after Joan's death, Pierre Cauchon gathered several henchmen to try to say that Joan had renounced her voices. The notary William Manchon courageously refused to register this false "posthumous information" among the authentic records of the trial.

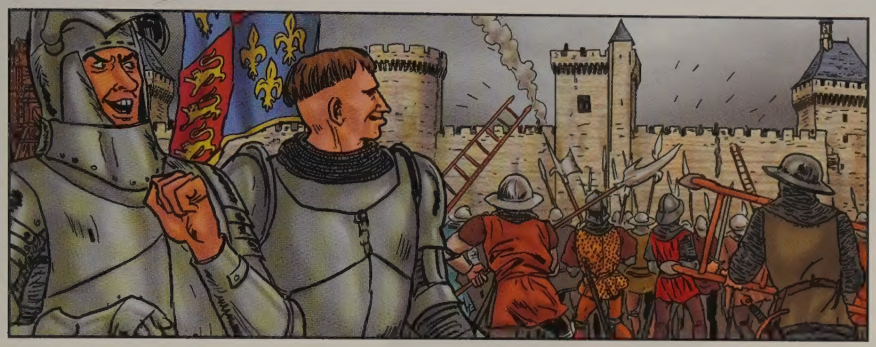
The Trials
All the texts of the trial of condemnation (1431) and of the trial of nullification (1455–1456) have been preserved. Thanks to the witnesses and to the work of the historian Regine Pernoud, this book pays tribute to Joan by using her authentic words as much as possible.



The Duke of Bedford quickly spread the news of the way Joan was burned to death as a heretic in an official letter addressed to the king: "To the emperor, the king, to the dukes and other Christian princes . . ." He died at Rouen, four years after Joan.



Henvy VI, the young English king, was crowned king of France, not at Reims, which had been liberated, but at Paris, several months after Joan's death. He showed the first signs of mental illness a month after Talbot's defeat at Castillon in 1453.



The English Fear of Joan

"I heard it said by Nicolas Loiseleur and others, whom I don't remember, that the English feared Joan so much that while she was still alive they didn't dare lay siege to Louviers, and that to please them, a case against Joan would have to be quickly made, and they would have to find a reason for bringing about her death." (Testimony of Jean Riquier)

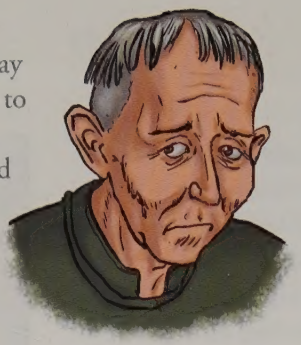
"Immediately after her death, the English started a siege against Louviers, thinking that during her life, they would have neither glory nor success in war." (Jean Toutmouillé)

The Double Crown

On January 26, 1340, Edward III, taking the title of King of England and of France, created, for himself and for his successor, insurmountable problems that triggered a series of events that changed a war of thirty years into a conflict that lasted over a century. The Kings of England, not being able to renounce the double crown without losing face, finally gave up the title of King of France with the treaty of Amiens in 1802.

John Talbot, whom Joan had imprisoned at the battle of Patay, later landed at Guyenne. There he was welcomed by the nobles of Bordeaux who had organized a pro-English plot for their own commercial advantage. Talbot was killed in 1453 at the battle of Castillon, which marked the end of the Hundred Years' War.

Loiseleur, The Spy



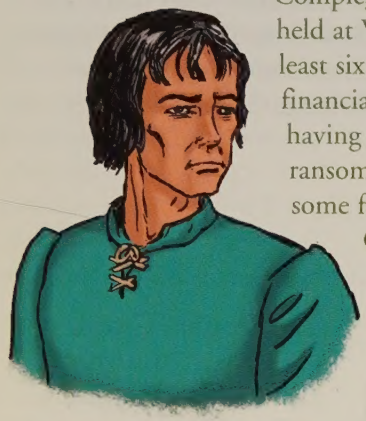
"I wish to say that on the day when Joan was condemned to death, Loiseleur had great remorse of heart and wanted to go up on the cart, where Joan was, and cry out pardon for her. This angered a number of the English who were present, and if it hadn't been for the intervention of Warwick, Loiseleur would have been killed. The count ordered Loiseleur to leave Rouen quickly if he wanted to save his life." (Deposition of William Boisguillaume, notary at the trial in 1431)

Father Isambart de la Pierre

He was sent to prison by Bishop Cauchon for having declared, "Those who have judged Joan have done evil." He died before knowing about the rehabilitation of Joan, but he responded to inquiries in 1450 or 1452.

Pierre, Joan's Brother

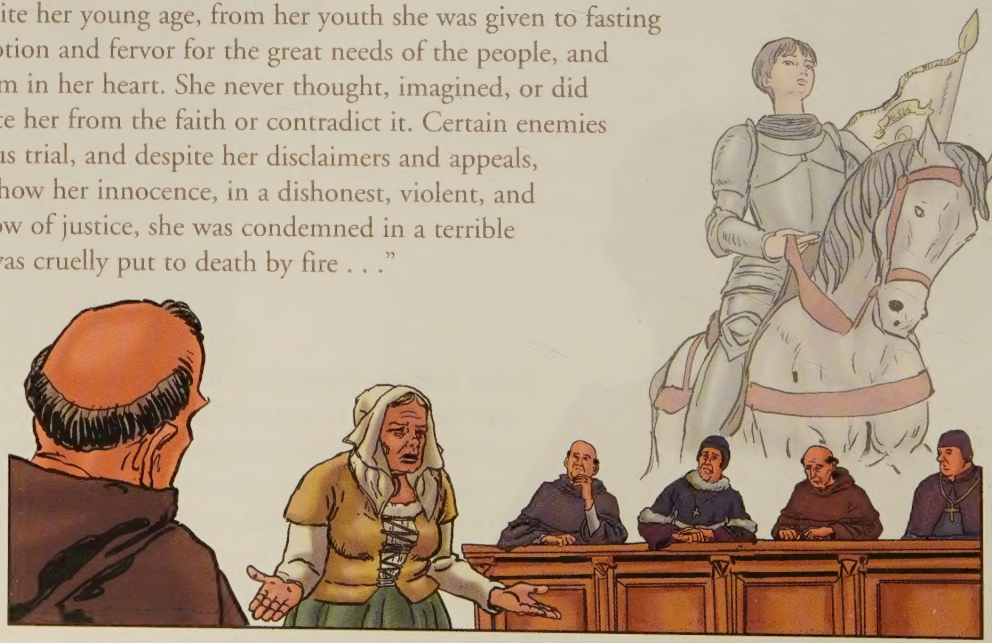
Pierre was captured with Joan at Compiègne. He was held at Vergy for at least six years. In 1439, financially ruined by having to pay his own ransom, he received some funds from Charles VII.



Father John Pasquerel

Joan chose him as her confessor. He was imprisoned at the same time as his friend Pierre of Arc. His witness at the nullification trial clarified many points. "I have often heard Joan declare that her work was in fact a mission, and when it was said to her, 'Deeds such as you have done have never been seen before. In no book can one read about such things,' she replied, 'My Lord has a book which no priest has ever read, even if he were perfect in his priesthood.'"

Joan's Mother made a statement at the trial of nullification:
"I have a daughter . . . despite her young age, from her youth she was given to fasting and praying with great devotion and fervor for the great needs of the people, and she had compassion for them in her heart. She never thought, imagined, or did anything that would separate her from the faith or contradict it. Certain enemies made her undergo a religious trial, and despite her disclaimers and appeals, without any help given to show her innocence, in a dishonest, violent, and evil trial, without any shadow of justice, she was condemned in a terrible and criminal fashion, and was cruelly put to death by fire . . ."
Joan's mother lived to see the rehabilitation of her daughter, on July 7, 1456, and died two years later.



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